

*****May 21, 2021*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a budget meeting on Friday, May 21, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Charles Poss
Vice Mayor Susannah Murdock
Councilmember Vicki Anderson
Councilmember Andrew Gardner
Councilmember Dan Landrum

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White
Special Proj. & Compliance Manager Sam Guin

Mayor Poss led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Poss asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

There being no requests, the meeting proceeded.

Discussion

- a. 2021-2022 Budget. Town Manager, Boyd Veal, reviewed the budget introduction (copy attached).

The Council discussed the Town Manager's Recommended Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022, including, long-term capital expenditures, and the impact of the end of Hall income tax and Fire Department SAFER grant revenues. The Council reviewed each department's revenue, spending and capital needs, if applicable, with each department head. The Council discussed the fund balance positions.

During discussions about the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC) budget, Town Manager, Boyd Veal, disclosed that the Signal Mountain Elementary Preservation Fund (SMEPF) proposes to run the MACC operations for the coming five fiscal years.

Mr. Veal informed the Council that as a result of his review of the 151-page Interim Final Rule for the American Rescue Plan Act he is recommending the Town commit the funds to three areas. These uses are for water utility and stormwater infrastructure and also for employee compensation for Covid-19 exposure risks. Council asked for further information on the proposed uses and funding.

There was extensive discussion regarding a proposed rate increase in Stormwater fees. All agreed that a 30% increase should be budgeted for three consecutive years and adopted by ordinance.


In addition, Council agreed to an increase of \$540.00 in the uniform line item in Public Works - Shop to correct a typo. Council asked for information on the impact of adding or upgrading several positions discussed during the budget review.

The Council was unanimous in their decision to place a Continuation Budget Ordinance on the next regular agenda.

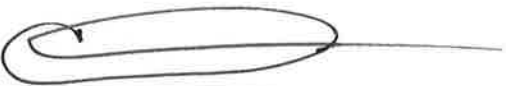
Other Business

- a. Communications from the Mayor/Council. None.
- b. Reports from Committees or Boards. None.
- c. Other. None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Charles Poss, Mayor



Recorder